

Wilbur Wright

(April 16, 1867–May 30, 1912)

Wilbur, age five, posing for commercial photographer, half-length view.

Pop Sci, v. 114, Jan. 1929: 18

Wilbur, age 13, head and shoulders, facing left, about 1880.

LC-USZ62-56248; LC-BECK; MCFWP 3; ASHWB 8; EWBNM 1; MCMWB 20; Pop Sci, v.114, Feb. 1929: 42; SMIN A4441-A. Similar, facing forward: LC-W86-85; LC-BECK

Wilbur, age 22, head and shoulders.

Pop Sci, v. 114, Mar. 1929: 44

Wilbur, back to camera, at work in back room of Wright bicycle shop, 1897.

LC-USZ62-56241; LC-W85-81; COCKDH following 168; WRBR 3

Wilbur, age 30, half-length side view, seated facing right, 1897.

LC-W85-78

Wilbur, age 38, head and shoulders, about 1905; one of the earliest published photographs of him.

LC-USZ62-56246; LC-W86-91; LC-W86-92; L'Aérophile, v. 13, Dec. 1905: 265; L'Aérophile, v.20, Dec. 1912: 205; Am Aeronaut, v. 1, Jan. 1908: 7; AN-CBW facing 8; PEPHO 7; SMIN 18,245-D; SMIN 42,545; Technical World, v. 5 June 1906: 335; U.S. Air Service, v. 8, Dec. 1923: 29

Wilbur, head and shoulders, wearing bow tie, about 1906.

Wiener Luftschiffer-Zeitung, v. 5, July 1906: 140; Wiener Luftschiffer-Zeitung, v. 11, June 15, 1912: 215

Wilbur, head and shoulders, facing right, about 1907.

LC-BAIN; Am Mag, v. 63, Apr. 1907: 620; Revue de l'aviation, v. 2, May 15, 1907: 4 (incorrectly named Orville)

Wilbur, head and shoulders, similar to above, facing left; probably the single most widely used photograph of Wilbur.

LC-BECK; MCFWP v. 1, front.; Aero J., v. 4, June 8, 1912: 235; Aero Club Am Bul. V. 1, July 1912: 2; Air Force, v. 36, Dec. 1953: 32; Airway Age, v. 9, Dec. 1928: 16; Aviation, v. 15, Dec. 17, 1923: 753; BBAKH; Cent, v. 76, Sept. 1908: 643; EIDWHS facing 9; EWRNM 57; CANAC 37; HAWBHP 58; Sci Am, v. 106, June 8, 1912: 518; SMIN A32,497-A; SMIN 45,415; U.S. Air Services, V. 28, Dec. 1943: 23; WODKH facing 34

Wilbur, half length, from group photo taken about 1907.

Aeronautics, v. 2, June 1908: 5; Illustrated London News, v. 133, Aug. 15, 1908: 237; SMIN 10,794-A

Wilbur, half length, standing in gondola of balloon *Au Petit Bonheur* before ascension. Le Mans, July 26, 1908.

Graphic, v. 78, Aug. 15, 1908: 191

Wilbur Wright's flying activities in France: 30 photographs, eight postcards, and some ephemera, showing Wilbur, his French pupils, visiting celebrities, and Orville, Hunaudières Race Course and Camp d'Auvours, Le Mans, and Pont-Long, Pau, 1908-9.

ROSF no. 168

Wilbur and Léon Bollée, three-quarter length, Wilbur in business suit with straw hat, outside Bolée's factory, Le Mans, probably at the time Wilbur was flying at the Hunaudières Race Course, August 1908.

Automotor, v. 13, Aug. 22, 1908: 1120; COCKDH following 168; EWWLM 5

Wilbur, head and shoulders, in business suit with straw hat, August 1908.

BUFJM 13; Conquête de l'air, v. 5, Oct. 15, 1908: 5

Wilbur seated at controls of Wright airplane, Hunaudières Race Course flying field, August 1908.

L'Aérophile, v. 16, Aug. 15, 1908: 324; Avia, v. 2, June 15, 1912: 39; CHAHA 64; EWWLM 14; Flight, v. 64, Dec. 11, 1953: 796; MARWBC 21; NOZWBC facing 156; PEPHO facing 57; R Aero Soc J, v. 57, Dec. 1953: 786. Similar, Wilbur facing to right: GSPA 34

Wilbur engaged in repairing Wright airplane immediately following accident, August 13, 1908, Hunaudières Race Course, assisted by Fleury, Hart O. Berg's chauffeur, at his left.

LC-BECK, MCFWP 153; GSPA 32; MARWBC 47; SC-107933; SMIN A3415; WRBR 20

Wilbur, full length, conversing with Hart O. Berg and Léon Bollée on flying field, France, 1908.

Revue de l'aviation, v. 3, Sept. 15, 1908: 7

Wilbur seated in Wright airplane with Ernest Zens, his passenger, Camp d'Auvours, September 16, 1908.

L'Aérophile, v. 16, Dec. 1, 1908: 470; Allg Auto Zeit, v. 2, Oct. 19, 1908: 31; Flight, v. 1, Mar. 20, 1909: 11; Illustrated London News, v. 133, Oct. 3, 1908: 477; PEPHO facing 64; Revue de l'aviation, v. 3, Oct. 15, 1908: 14; SMIN 10,879-G; U.S. Air Services, v. 13, Dec. 1928: 32; VCAAF 57

Mrs. Hart O. Berg seated in Wright airplane with Wilbur before the first real flight made anywhere in the world by a woman, October 7, 1908.

L'Aérophile, v. 16, Nov. 1, 1908: 428; Allg Auto Zeit, v. 2, Oct. 19, 1908: 31; ASHWB 71; Avia, v. 2, June 15, 1912: 39; Bee-Hive, v. 28, Fall 1953: 28; GSEFM, GSIA 148; GSPA 33; HILBW 38; Illustrated London News, v. 133, Oct. 24, 1908: 561; LECNA 417; PEPHO facing 76; SMIN A3405; SMIN A3416; SMIN 31,246-H



Mrs. Hart O. Berg accompanied Wilbur on a flight on October 7, 1908. National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, photo no. A3405.

Wilbur with Charles S. Rolls, his passenger, Camp d'Auvours, October 8, 1908.

Bee-Hive, v. 28, Fall 1953: 29; Illustrated London News, v. 133, Oct. 24, 1908: 561

Wilbur seated in Wright airplane with Frank Hedges Butler, his passenger, Camp d'Auvours, October 8, 1908.

American Heritage, v. 11, Feb. 1960: 62; Illustrated London News, v. 133, Oct. 24, 1908: 561

Wilbur seated in Wright airplane with Griffith Brewer, his passenger, Camp d'Auvours, October 8, 1908.

Illustrated London News, v. 133, Oct. 24, 1908: 561

Wilbur seated in Wright airplane with Hart O. Berg, his passenger, Camp d'Auvours, October 8, 1908.

Illustrated London News, v. 133, Oct. 24, 1908: 561

Wilbur, half length, wearing cap, collar, tie, and gray business suit.

L'Aérophile, v. 17, Aug. 1, 1909: 356; Flugspport, v. 4, June 5, 1912: 455. Similar: Automotor, v. 14, Mar. 6, 1909: 279; LVTNA 43; Revue aérienne, v. 2, Mar. 10, 1909: 85

Wilbur, full length, wearing cap, high collar, tie, and business suit, with dog named Flyer at his feet, Camp d'Auvours.

MCFWP 166; ADAMSF 1909: 70; YPHA 36. Head and shoulders only: AMHHF 114.

Wilbur, full length, as above, standing beside wing tip of Wright airplane, two mounted horsemen at extreme left.

SMIN A43,434

Wilbur, full length, examining his anemometer in preparation for a flight.

BIAFW facing 4

Wilbur, three-quarter length, in conversation with Lazare Weiller, head of Lazare Weiller Syndicate, which purchased the Wrights' French patents.

Allg Auto Zeit, v. 9, Sept. 26, 1908: 46; Motor, v. 14, Jan. 5, 1909: 762

Wilbur, full length, side view, conversing with Hart O. Berg, Wrights' business associate in Europe.

PEPHO facing 56

Mrs. Lazare Weiller, Lazare Weiller, and Henri Deutsch de la Meurthe conversing with Wilbur near Wright airplane, Camp d'Auvours.

PEPHO facing 84; Revue aérienne, v. 1, Nov. 10, 1908: 39

Hart O. Berg conversing with Wilbur, full length, facing camera.

COCKDH following 168; Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 13, Jan. 13, 1909: 2

Wilbur in center of group of nine French aviation enthusiasts.

SMIN 43,009-F

Wilbur near Wright airplane explaining its operation to two interested men at either side of him, another in rear.

SMIN A3416; U.S. Air Services, v. 13, Dec. 1928: 29; YPHA 34

Wilbur standing on support at top of launching tower adjusting launching weight.

Vie grand air, v. 15, June 8, 1912: 400. Similar: ADAMSF 53

Wilbur standing in front of Wright airplane making adjustments to motor.

LC-BECK; Vie grand air, v. 15, June 8, 1912: 400

Wilbur, head and shoulders, wearing cap, high starched collar, and tie; his most characteristic photograph, taken in France, 1908, at the height of his fame.

LC-BECK; Aero J, v. 16, July 1912: facing 148; Aero J, v. 20, July/Sept. 1916: facing 68; Aircraft, v. 1, June 1910: 141; Allg Auto Zeit, v. 13, June 9, 1912: 20; ASHWB 53; EWWLM 3; GSPA 22; GSWB 3; HGCA 44; KELMKH b.238-239; MCMWB 274; Pegasus, v. 20, Apr. 1953: 8; PEPHO facing 65; Pop Sci, v. 114, May 1929: 48; SMIN 45,663; SMIN 76, 1280; U.S. Air Services, v. 40, Dec. 1955: 54; Vie grand air, v. 15, Mar. 20, 1909: 195; Vie grand air, v. 18, June 8, 1912: cover. Similar: London Magazine, v. 21, Feb. 1909: 622

Wilbur walking along edge of Camp d'Auvours before photographer who is posing him.

LC-BECK; SMIN 43,063-F. Similar, Wilbur facing photographer: L'Aviation illustrée, v. 1, Feb. 6, 1909: 4; London Magazine, v. 21, Feb. 1909: 625; R Aero Soc J, v. 57, Dec. 1953: 787

Wilbur, full length, at edge of flying field, Camp d'Auvours, 1908.

Avia, v. 2, June 13, 1912: cover; DOBOHA 169

Wilbur with Hart O. Berg, inspecting Léon Delagrangé airplane.

Revue aérienne, v. 1, Dec. 10, 1908: 119

Wilbur at dinner table with large group of Aero-Club de France members attending banquet in his honor, Paris, November 5, 1908.

L'Aérophile, v. 16, Nov. 15, 1908: 441; Motor, v. 14, Nov. 10, 1908: 436; Revue aérienne, v. 1, Nov. 25, 1908: facing 88

Group photo including Louis Blériot, Paul Tissandier, Capt. Paul N. Lucas-Girardville, Wilbur, Mrs. Hart O. Berg, Count Charles de Lambert, and Katharine, Pau, February 1909.
L'Aérophile, v. 17, Feb. 15, 1909: 85; **Allg Auto Zeit**, v. 10, Feb. 21, 1909: 39; **CHAHA** 66; **Flight**, v. 1, Mar. 20, 1909: 6; **Graphic** v. 79, Feb. 20, 1909: 224; **HEGOV** facing 97; **Revue aérienne**, v. 1, Feb. 25, 1909: facing 105; **Vie grand air**, v. 15, May 29, 1909: 356

Wilbur, three-quarter length, wearing gray business suit, in front of fireplace mantle.

SMIN A3418; SMIN 42,844; YPHA 36

Wilbur, three-quarter length, wearing cap and business suit, knee bent, right hand on knee.

CHAHA 52; Légion d'honneur, v. 1, Apr. 1933: 211; **U.S. Air Services**, v. 17, July 1932: 21; **Zeitschrift für Flugtechnik und Motorluftschiffahrt**, v. 3, June 15, 1912: 152

Wilbur, arm extended to right, testing wind direction, Pau.

Collier's, v. 43, May 15, 1909: 18; **Vie grand air**, v. 15, May 15, 1909: 324

Wilbur, half length, wearing derby hat and topcoat, seated on wicker chair.

Allg Auto Zeit, v. 10, Mar. 5, 1909: 35

Wilbur, three-quarter length, wearing derby hat and topcoat, conversing with Léon Delagrangre, Port-Aviation, Juvisy, France, early 1909.

L'Aéronaute, v. 42, Mar. 15, 1909: 8

Wilbur, dressed in gray business suit, seated, leaning back, right finger touching chin.

HILBW 1909: 7; WIGLIG b. 548-549

Wilbur, full length, adjusting pulley on launching rail in preparation for flight, hangar and spectators behind fence in background at right.

MCFWP 172; SMIN 31, 991; Vie grand air, v. 15, May 15, 1909: 324

Wilbur conversing with Lord Northcliffe and Lord Balfour, who witnessed his flights, February 11, 1909, Pau.

LC-BECK; World's Work, v. 20, Aug. 1910: 13364

Wilbur seated in Wright airplane with Katharine, his passenger on her first flight, February 15, 1909.

LC-BECK; Collier's, v. 80, Aug. 20, 1927: 8; **MCMWB** facing 220; **MEFMF** facing 103; **MILWA** v. 2: 171; **SMIN 42,783-L**

Wilbur adjusts the pulley on a launching rail as he prepares for a flight at Pau, France, 1909.



Wilbur and Count de Lambert in front of Wright airplane, Countess de Lambert seated in it for Right with Wilbur, February 15, 1909, Pau.

L'Aérophile, v. 17, Nov. 1909: 483; Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 13, Feb. 24, 1909: 142; Vie grand air, v. 15, Feb. 27, 1909: 134

King Alfonso XIII of Spain greeting Wilbur on the flying field on visit to Pau, Orville and Hart O. Berg standing nearby, February 20, 1909.

Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 13, Mar. 10, 1909: 192; Revue aérienne, v. 2, Mar. 10, 1909: 155; SBNA 112

Wilbur greeting King Alfonso of Spain (back to camera), group gathered around and Lord Alfred Northcliffe (in derby) looking on behind Wilbur, Pau, February 20.

MCFWP 175; SMIN 31.246-G, WODKH b. 220-221. Similar, Wilbur only, head and shoulders: ADAMSF 1909: 77; World's Work, v. 20, Aug. 1910: 13314

Close-up view of Wilbur in Wright airplane explaining the mechanism to King Alfonso, seated facing him at his right, Pau, February 20.

LC-BAIN; ADAMSF 92; Allg Auto Zeit, v. 10, Feb. 28, 1909: 39; Autocar, v. 22, Feb. 27, 1909: 281; Automotor, v. 14, Feb. 27, 1909: 236; Fachzeitung für Automobilismus, v. 4, Mar. 7, 1909: 19; Flight, v. 1, Mar. 20, (suppl.) 6; Fly, v. 1, Apr. 1909: 12; GSEFM, HILBW 48; MARWBC 43; MCMWB 180; Pop Sci, v. 114, Feb. 1929: 43; Vie grand air, v. 15, Feb. 27, 1909: 136

Close-up view of Wilbur explaining the Wright airplane mechanism to King Alfonso, both men seated in the airplane, looking forward, the King to Wilbur's right, Pau, February 20.

LC-BAIN, LC-BECK; ASHWB 72; Collier's, v. 80, Sept. 24, 1927: 19; Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 13, Mar. 10, 1909: 193; MILWA v. 2: 146; Revue aérienne, v. 2, Mar. 10, 1909: 154; Sat Eve Post, v. 201, July 4, 1928: 19

Louis Barthou seated in Wright airplane while Wilbur, at front, makes adjustments before their Right, Pau, February 22, 1909.

LC-BECK

Wilbur, half length, facing left, wearing cap and leather jacket.

BRABSL 1910: 325; Deutsche Luftfahrer-Zeitschrift, v. 16, June 12, 1912: 289; Revue aérienne, v. 5, June 10, 1912: 302

Wilbur, head and shoulders, facing right, wearing gray business suit.

Automobile Topics, v. 19, Oct. 9, 1909: 10; MILWA v. 1: 4

Wilbur, wearing derby hat and topcoat, seated in automobile, side view, head and shoulders, England, May 1909.

Flight, v. 1, May 8, 1909: 262; Flight, v. 4, June 1, 1912: 488

Wilbur, head and shoulders, wearing derby hat and topcoat, smiling, England May 1909.

Flight, V. 1, May 8, 1909: 267

Katharine and Wilbur on arrival from Europe aboard *Kronprinzessin Cecilie*, New York, May 11, 1909.

SMIN 42,804-C

Wilbur, head and shoulders, facing left.

HATFYF facing 25

Wilbur and Guglielmo Marconi at left front of Wright airplane, as Wilbur is preparing for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration flights, Governors Island, N.Y., September 23, 1909.

U.S. Air Services, v. 17, Feb. 1932: 22

Wilbur, half length, side view, following his return from trip to Grant's Tomb, October 4, 1909.

LC-BAIN, LC-USZ62-5886 (copy negative)

Wilbur, head and shoulders, wearing cap, with half smile, Governors Island, October 1909.

Air-Scout, v. 1, Feb. 1911: 31 American R Rs, v. 40, Oct. 1909: 518

Wilbur, side view, head and shoulders, wearing business suit, white collar, and cap, facing to his left, soldier and woman nearby at his right, Governors Island, 1909.

NOZWBC facing 160

Wilbur, full length, wearing derby hat and business suit, carrying a large fuel can for use in Wright airplane, at International Aviation Tournament, Belmont Park, N.Y., October 22-30, 1910.

U.S. Air Services, v. 13, Dec. 1928: 64. Similar: American Petroleum Institute photo.

Wilbur at front of Wright airplane conversing with Ralph Johnstone, a Wright Exhibition Company flier, Belmont Park, N.Y., October 1910.

Collier's, v. 80, Sept. 24, 1927: 18; SMIN 43,062-B

Wilbur in conversation with Allan Ryan, Belmont Park, N.Y., October 1910.

LC-BAIN

Wilbur and Frank T. Coffyn, adjusting kite for Coffyn's young son, Crossland, Bayside, N.J., 1910.

MCFWP 195; MILWav. 2:248; SMIN 32,975-A. Similar: MCFWP 194; MCFWP 196; SMIN 38,681-B

Wilbur, head and shoulders, facing slightly right.

**Aero Digest, v. 13, Dec. 1928: 1104; Aviation W, v. 49,
Dec. 13, 1948: 17; SMIN 20,948**

Wilbur at speaker's table in group portrait, sixth annual
dinner of the Aero Club of America at Sherry's, New York,
January 27, 1912.

Aero Club Am Bul, v. 1, Feb./Mar. 1912: suppl.

Wilbur, half length, wearing derby hat, overcoat, hands in pock-
ets, and Frank T. Coffyn, Wright business associate, in cap and
jacket, New York, February 1912.

MILWA v. 2: 245; SMIN 42,805-D YPHA 72